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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2006 and 30 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 15, 2006 has been entered.

Rejections Withdrawn

2. Claims 21, 23, 25 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shaughency (6235365) made in the Office Actions of June 22, 2006 and October 4, 2005 has been withdrawn in view of the amendment filed on June 30, 2006.

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3. Claims 22, 26-27, 31, 34, 37-38 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schaughency made in the Office Actions of June 22, 2006 and October 5, 2005 has been withdrawn in view of the amendment.

Rejection Maintained

4. Claims 21-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for reasons of record made in the last Office Action.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed June 30, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the compound German term **Reissfaden** may be translated as **pull thread**, and that the German word **Reiss** being defined as either **pull** or **tear**. This is not found to be convincing because, though examiner agrees with the German-English Dictionary (copy faxed on July 19, 2006) definition, the specification and the drawings fails to provide support therefor, that is showing a pull thread or a thread removing the cover sheet as is being claimed. While there is no *in haec verba* requirement, the newly added language must be supported in the specification through express, implicit or inherent disclosure. See MPEP 2162.

Applicant should note that the words **pull** and **tear** have specific and distinct meaning in the English language.

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Thus, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it remains the examiner's position that the claimed invention fails to comply with the written description requirement as discussed above.

6. **The following are new ground of rejection in view of the amendment filed on June 30, 2006**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

8. Claims 21-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The phrase "for removing said cover sheet from said adhesive layer in one piece" in claim 21 is found to be new matter for lack of support therefor in the specification as originally filed. The specification teaches that the cover sheet is removed from the adhesive but fails to teach "in one piece."

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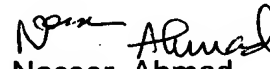
The amended phrase "pull" thread in the claims and the specification, is found to be new matter for lack of support in the specification, as originally filed as in the previous paragraphs.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MESSAGE: Dear Examiner Ahmad: Pursuant to our telephone conference of today, as requested, attached are 3 pages from the German-English Dictionary submitted with the Response to the Final Office Action Dated March 23, 2006 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116, dated June 9, 2006.

Regards,
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Fächer-tor — f. — a-papier

Fächer-tor *n* fan-shaped gate or sector gate
 -turn *m* fan turn (turning the aircraft suddenly in the plane of its wings after loss in altitude in perpendicular climb to go into a nose dive)
 -zurichter *m* fan fitter

fach-gemäß workmanlike -größe *f* celebrity
 -händler *m* stockist -ingenieur *m* expert or special engineer -kenntnis *f* professional knowledge -kraft *f* expert, specialist, trained man, skilled labor

Fachkreisen, in ~ among experts
 fach-kundig expert, competent -lehrer *m* technical instructor -leute *pl* trained workers, experts, specialists

fachlich professional, technical

Fach-literatur *f* technical literature or press
 -mann *m* specialist, expert, professional man
 -mäßig expert, competent -maschine *f* multiple spooling machine -norm *f* technical standard -normenausschuß *m* engineering standards committee -ordnung *f* classification -photograph *m* professional photographer -presse *f* technical press or literature

Fach-schrifttum *n* technical literature -schule *f* service school, trade school, technical school -stempel *m* to talk shop -sparte *f* professional speciality -sprache *f* technical terminology or language, professional terminology -technisch professional engineering -trupp *m* technical troop, engineer platoon, specialist squad (repair, dynamite, etc.) -verständiger *m* specialist, expert -wählertastatur *f* classification keyboard -wand *f* bay work, lath-and -plaster wall -welt *f* technical world

Fachwerk *n* trussing, framing, truss, framework, structure, skeleton, panceling, latticework, checkerwork rohgerichtetes ~ framework of tubes

Fachwerk-ausleger *m* lattice jib -balken *m* truss girder -bauart *f* method of allotting woods to a number of periods -bogen *m* trussed arch -brücke *f* truss bridge, latticed-girder bridge -feld *n* bay, panel -gestell *n* lattice frame (machines) -gile *n* truss rods (under trussed beam) -holm *m* truss spar girder, spar trussed beam -kanal *m* checker passage -körper *m* checkerwork

Fachwerk(s)-mauerung *f* checkering -rippe *f* channel rib -rost *m* checkerwork grillage -rumpf *m* framework body or fuselage -schacht *m* checker passage, checker-work stack -stab *m* frame member -stein *m* checker-brick -strebe *f* lattice tie, diagonal member -träger *m* lattice girder, frame girder, bridge superstructure, truss, structural built-up beam

Fach-wissenschaft *f* branch of science -wort *n* technical term

Fachzeitschrift *f* technical journal or paper, trade journal

Fackel *f* torch, flare -entladung *f* torch form of discharge -erchelung *f* flicker effect (of a cathode) -feuer *n* blue light -kohle *f* cannel coal fackeln to flicker, flare, be flickle, hesitate

Fackelventil *n* escape valve
 fade stale, insipid

Faden *m* thread fiber, filament, fathom, yarn, wire, hairline, string cord, grain ~ im Okular thread hair, wire, web of a graticule thorhaltiger

(thorierter) ~ thoriated filament

Faden-anleger *m* piecer (textiles) -anreicher *m* reacher (textiles) -aufhängung *f* fiber suspension -beleuchtung *f* illumination of fiducial lines, filar illumination -bremse *f* yarn brake, thread brake -dicketaster *m* calipers with jaws to measure thread gauge capacitively -diopter *n* cross-wire sight, cross-hair diopter -distanz *f* thread interval, interval between graticule wires -distanzmesser *m* thread interval meter -eileger *m* thread feeder -einschlußsatz thread interlacing attachment -einziehen *n* drawing-in (textiles) -ehzug *m* draft, pass -elektrometer *n* thread or filament electrometer -endenabstand end-to-end distance

Faden-fangvorrichtung *f* catch-thread device (automatic stop for broken thread) (textiles) -festigkeitsprüfer *m* thread-strength tester (textiles)

fadenförmig vee-shaped, filamentary, fibrous, thread-shaped - Entladung linear pinch discharge

Faden-führer *m* thread guide, guide -führung *f* thread guidance -führungsast *f* yarn-guiding groove -galvanometer *n* thread galvanometer, string galvanometer -gehefter Bogensatz served quires -gerade (as) straight as a die -glas *n* reticulated glass, spun glass, filigree glass -gras *n* esparto (the fiber) -hänger *m* thread carrier, bobbin, spindle -heftmaschine *f* thread-stitching machine (print), thread-swing machine -helligkeit *f* brightness of the crosslines (optics)

Faden-kabel *n* coaxial or concentric cable with silk-thread-supported central conductor -kandis *m* thread candy -kathode *f* filamentary cathode -klauber *m* thread picker -kochen *n* boiling to string-proof

Fadenkonstruktion *f* tracing by means of a string ~ der Ellipse tracing of an ellipse ~ des Ellipsoids tracing of the ellipsoid ~ der Evolventen tracing of the involutes ~ des Kreises tracing of the circle ~ der Krümmungslinien auf dem Ellipsoid tracing of the lines of curvature on an ellipsoid

Faden-korrektur *f* stem or column correction -korrosion *f* filiform corrosion

Fadenkreuz *n* crossweb, cross wire, crosslines, graticule, cross hairs, reticule, cross spider, crossed threads, spider lines, hairlines, reticle beleuchtetes ~ illuminated cross wires, graticule

Fadenkreuz-einlesemaschine *f* leasing machine -lupe *f* reticle magnifier, reticle glass, reticle lens -messer *m* cross-wire meter -mikrometer *n* cross-wire micrometer -platte *f* graticule

Faden-länge *f* length of filament -leiter *m* thread take-up lever, thread guide -loser Kandis candy sugar grown without threads -maß *n* measurement in fathoms or dimensions -messer *n* twine knife (sewing machine) -meter *n* fathometer -mikrometer *m* filar micrometer -molekül *m* filamentary molecule

Faden-papier *n* cloth-centered paper -platte *f* grid, graticule -probe *f* string-proof test -problem *n* string problem -prüfer *m* checker, yarn counter -pulver *n* nodular powder -recht straight -rolle *f* tape bar -schatteninstrument *n* string-shadow instrument -scheinig sleazy,

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450 — Reiz-mittel

- rice binder -dreschmaschine *f* rice thresher
 -dreschvorrichtung *f* rice attachment
 Reise *f* voyage, trip, campaign, cruising auf die
 ~ schicken to launch
 Reiseartikel *m* traveling article
 Reisedauerleistung *f* cruising power größt-
 zulässige ~ mit armem Gemisch maximum
 economy cruising power with a weak mixture
 Reiseempfänger *m* traveling receiver -fluchtstab
m traveling ranging pole
 Reiseflug *m* cruise ~ mit Spargemisch weak-
 mixture cruising conditions Kraftstoffverbrauch
 bei ~ cruising fuel consumption
 Reise-flughöhe *f* cruising level -fluggipfelhöhe *f*
 cruising ceiling -fluggleistung *f* cruising power
 or performance -gebühren *f* travel allowance
 -geschwindigkeit *f* mean traveling speed, cruis-
 ing speed -kompaß *m* route compass -kosten *p*
 travel expenses
 Reiseleistung *f* cruising output Ladedruck bei ~
 cruising manifold pressure, cruising boost
 empfohlene ~ recommended cruising output
 Reismarsch *m* cross-country march -monteur
m service mechanic
 reisen to travel, journey, cruise
 Reisender *m* traveler, tourist
 Reisequartier *n* march billet
 Reisetasche *f* traveling bag, wallet -wagen *m*
 touring car -weg *m* itinerary, route
 Reisefaser *f* rice fiber -holz *n* brushwood
 Reisig *n* loose sticks, dead wood, faggots,
 brushwood -besen *m* broom -bündel *n* fascine
 -gradierwerk *n* faggot-type cooler, brushwood
 cooling stack
 Reis-kocher *m* rice cooker -papier *n* rice paper
 Reißbahn *f* rip(ping) panel -belastung *f* break-
 ing load -blei *n* black lead, graphite -boden *m*
 marking-off board -bögenrät *n* interruption
 arc instrument -brett *n* drawing board, sketch
 board -diagramm *n* breakoff diagram -draht *m*
 ripping wire -dreieck *n* set-square -ebene *f*
 fracture plane
 → reißen to rupture, break, tear, pull, trace, draw,
 fracture, fail, disrupt, split, crack, burst, spring,
 spall, range, drag, pluck (a string or chord)
 einen Funken ~ to strike a spark
 Reiß-entfestigung *f* weakening of tensile strength
 Reißer *m* ripper, gauge, scribe, sketcher
 Reißerel *f* garnetting
 Reiß-erweichung *f* breaking -feder *f* drawing pen
 -festigkeit *f* breaking strain or strength, tensile
 strength, tenacity, resistance to tearing, ratio
 of tensile strength to weight density, resistance
 breaking -festigkeitsprobe *f* tearing-strength
 test -gebiet *n* discontinuity, cutoff or breakoff
 region -geschwindigkeit *f* breaking speed -ge-
 wicht *n* breaking load (weight) -klinke *f* lock for
 safety gear -knebel *m* ripping toggle
 Reiß-kohle *f* crayon, charcoal crayon -kraft *f*
 ultimate strength, tensile strength, maximum
 load or stress -krepel *m* breaker card -kuppe-
 lung *f* quick-release coupling -lack *m* crackle
 finish, crackle lacquer, brittle lacquer -lack-
 methode *f* brittle lacquer method -länge *f*
 breaking length (synthetic fibers), gauge length,
 tearing length -last *f* breaking load or strain,
 maximum tensile load, elongation to failure
 Reißleine *f* rip or release cord, lanyard ~ für
 Fallschirm (zwischen Fallschirm und Flugzeug)
 static line; (Fallschirm) parachute static line,
 rip cord
 Reißmaß *n* carpenter's marking or shifting
 gauge -nadel *f* drawing point, scribing point,
 scriber -nagel *m* thumbtack -pfug *m* scarifier
 -probe *f* tearing-strength test -schleuse *f* drawing
 rule T square -schlitz *m* ripping slit or slot
 -schuur *f* plummet -span *m* tear chip -spitze *f*
 drawing point, marking or scribing awl -stock
m scribing block -trommel *f* willowing drum
 Reißverschluss *m* (slide) fastener, zipper (closure)
 -glied *n* slide-fastener link or part
 Reißversuch *m* tearing test, hanging test -wider-
 stand *m* breaking strain or strength -wolle *f*
 reused wool -wolf willowing machine -zeug *n*
 (case of) drawing instruments -zirkel *m* com-
 passes with shifting points, drawing compasses
 -zwecke *f* thumbtack
 Reittel *m* anvil, recoil, rabbit, spring beam
 reiten to ride-on horseback
 Reiter *m* horseman; slide contact, slider, cursor,
 staple; (Waage) jockey, rider; (meist nicht
 abhebbar-Rechenlineal) slider
 Reiterchen *n* rider (of a balance)
 Reitergewicht *n* rider weight -lehre *f* straddle
 gauge -libelle *f* striding level -lineal *n* (gradua-
 ted) rider carrier -rädchen, -röllehen *n* jockey
 roller, jockey (wheel) -rudel *n* flock
 Reiterschaukel *f* rim-straddling turbine bucket
 -turbine *f* turbine with rim-straddling buckets
 Reiter-system *n* riding system -walze *f* rider
 roller
 Reit-halter *m* halter -hose *f* riding breeches
 -kunst *f* equitation
 Reitnagel *m* back center (of lathe), tail spindle
 -klemmhebel *m* tail-spindle lock
 Reit-pelische *f* jockey stick -pferd *n* riding horse,
 saddle horse, mount -schule *f* cavalry school,
 riding school
 Reitstock *m* tailstock, headstock (of lathe) -ans-
 ladung *f* tailstock overhang -feststellhebel *m*
 clamping lever -gehäuse *n* tailstock slide -hand-
 rad *n* tailstock handwheel -oberteil *m* tailstock
 barrel -pinole *f* tailstock quill -planscheibe *f*
 faceplate-type tailstock -platte *f* tailstock base
 -prisma *n* vee way of the tailstock -spindel *f*
 footstock spindle
 Reitstockspitze *f* footstock center, dead center,
 tail center drehbare ~ running (tail) center fest-
 stehende ~ dead center
 Reitstock-untersatz *m* tailstock base -unterteil *m*
 tailstock base
 Reit-vorschrift *f* equitation manual -weg *m*
 bridle path
 Reiz *m* irritant, irritation, impulse, attractiveness,
 stimulus, excitation, stimulation -aufnahme *f*
 receptivity of stimulus
 Reizbarkeit *f* irritability
 Reizbewilligung *f* mastery over a stimulus
 -empfindlichkeit *f* susceptibility to stimulus
 reizen to provoke, irritate, excite
 Reizgas *n* irritant gas
 Reiz-mittel *n* stimulus, stimulant -schwelle *f*
 threshold of sensation, limiting value of the
 stimulus -schwellenwert *m* threshold of per-
 ception